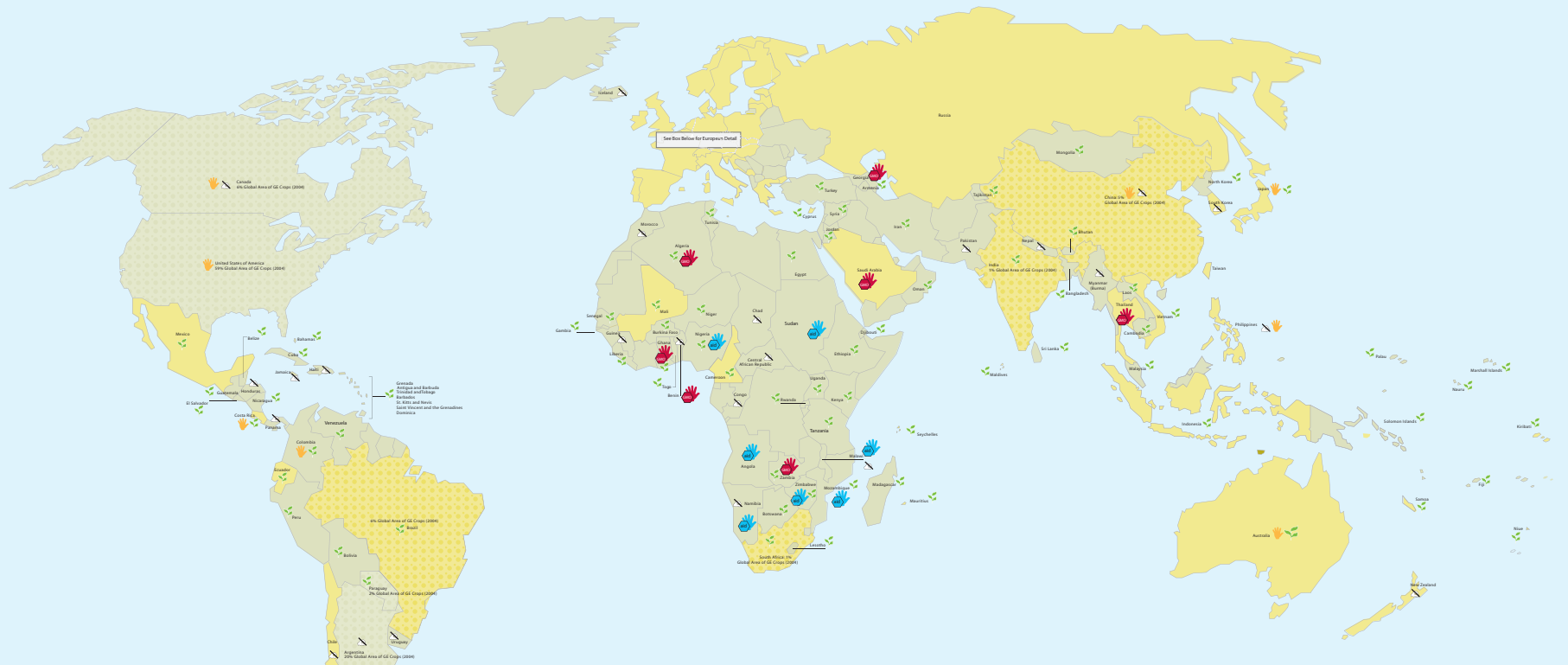


GENETICALLY MODIFIED [GM] CROPS AND FOODS

Worldwide Regulation, Prohibition and Production



MAP LEGEND

- Ban or Moratorium on GMOs. Country has declared itself GE free, with either a national ban or declaration of a moratorium.
- Indicate the presence of a regional ban or declaration opposing GM crop cultivation or food. For more information, please refer to "Genetically Engineered Crops and Foods: Regional Regulation and Prohibition" posted at www.centerforfoodsafety.org/genetics5.cfm.
- Country has rejected, or has policy to reject, untested GM grain as food aid.
- Biosafety Protocol - Signed: The Biosafety Protocol, part of the Convention on Biodiversity, was initiated at the UN Earth Summit - Rio de Janeiro - in 1992. The Protocol aims to ensure adequate safety in the cross border movement and use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) that may have adverse effects on the planet's biological diversity, ecosystems, and human health. The Protocol was signed by more than 130 countries in January 2000, each pledging to bring the agreement before its government for ratification.
- Biosafety Protocol - Ratified: The Biosafety Protocol has been ratified by governments of fifty countries (the minimum number of countries required) and thus is the first legally binding international agreement governing the movement of GMOs across national borders.
- Required Labeling of GM Foods: Country has adopted regulations requiring labeling of GM products.
- Countries Cultivating GE Crops
- Global Area of GE Crops (2004): USA 59%, Argentina 20%, Canada 6%, Brazil 6%, China 5%, Paraguay 2%, India 1%, South Africa 1%

DEFINITIONS

The terms "genetically modified food" or "genetically engineered food" mean food that contains or was produced with a genetically engineered or modified material.

Genetically engineered plant means a plant in which the genetic material has been changed through modern biotechnology in a way that does not occur naturally by multiplication and/or natural recombination.

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